

Minutes

Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee

April 3, 2007 – 7 to 8:05 a.m.

Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room

“Operationally Aware – Policy Focused”

Present: Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis,
Staff: Gary Jackson, Jeff Richardson, William Hogan, Greg Grayson,
Gary Cornett, Scott Burnette, Benita Wynn

Bryan Freeborn was absent.

- **Approval of March Minutes**
 - The committee by consensus approved the March meeting minutes.
- **Civic Center Event Management Issues**
 - Presentation given by City Manager Gary Jackson.
 - Consensus motion to take issue to full Council for further discussion for zero tolerance policy on drug-free, smoke-free environment.
 - Committee in support of additional resources if need arises.
 - Quarterly meetings will be held with Public Safety and Civic Center staff to look at upcoming events.
 - Place this issue back on agenda in 90 to 120 days for further review.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Council Member Mumpower wishes for Chief Hogan to accompany him to a meeting with Citizen Times editorial staff and WLOS TV staff to encourage both media outlets to proactively report prostitution and drug related arrests.
 - Chief Hogan will work with the City Manager's office to make appropriate calls.
- **911 PSAP Joint Communications Center Discussion**
 - Consensus of committee to encourage mayor to meet with county to reestablish negotiations to move forward concerning 911 communications consolidation.
 - Action item – Council Member Mumpower will contact Mayor Bellamy to discuss.
- **Public Safety Vehicle Replacement Analysis**
 - Consensus motion to encourage continued strong effort to address overall city fleet replacement needs and capital improvement.
 - Considered in budget process – must look at overall picture of entire fleet.
 - Committee gave support in replacing Category IV vehicles, particularly in public safety.
 - Consensus motion in support of police department's recommendation to use larger vehicles, such as Crown Victoria's, in the Patrol Division.
 - Recommend bringing take-home vehicle issue to full Council for budget process with updated statistics.

- **Public Comment**
 - There was no public comment.
- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, May 1, 2007. The committee asked that the following items be placed on next month's agenda:
 - Approval of minutes
 - Review of Progress 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center
 - DSU Scheduling/Coverage Patterns
 - Update on Computer Forensic Detective
 - Traffic Signal Preemption
- **Future Agenda Items**
 - Adult Bookstores
 - Strategies for strengthening relations with court systems
 - Reasonable Suspicion/Probable Cause
 - Civic Center Concert Action Plan – July or August 2007
 - Update on Pursuit Policy Changes – September 2007